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2. SUMMARY: DURING HIS JANUARY 23-25 VISIT TO PARIS  
FOR TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ZAIRE (SEPTTEL), A/S MOOSE  
ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS AT THE QUAI, THE ELYSEE AND THE  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION ON OTHER AFRICA ISSUES,  
INCLUDING: BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CONGO, DJIBOUTI,  
ETHIOPIA, RWANDA, SUDAN, TOGO, AND THE CFA  
DEVALUATION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE FEW SURPRISES IN  
THESE MEETINGS, MOOSE EMPHASIZED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE  
DECISION TO DEVALUE AND NOTED THAT DESPITE LIMITED  
RESOURCES, THE USG IS CONSIDERING STEPS THAT COULD HELP  
CUSHION THE SHOCK FOR THE POOREST STATES. MOOSE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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BRIEFED HIS INTERLOCUTORS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE HORN OF AFRICA INCLUDING SOMALIA AND ON DAS BUSHNELL'S DISCUSSIONS IN LIBERIA. HE ALSO PROVIDED A STATUS REPORT ON THE ANGOLA NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA. DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND GABON HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED VIA SEPTELS. WE WILL SEND A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON CHAD AND SUDAN. END SUMMARY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE JANUARY 24 TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ZAIRE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES WITH INTERLOCUTORS

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CFA DEVALUATION

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4. AFTER CONGRATULATING [REDACTED] FOR  
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TAKING THE DIFFICULT CFA DEVALUATION DECISION, MOOSE NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE SENDING LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF THE CFA STATES TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR DECISION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO REACH AGREEMENTS WITH THE IFIS. HE ALSO STATED THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE IFIS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE WHEN CONSIDERING THE AGREEMENTS FOR THE CFA STATES.

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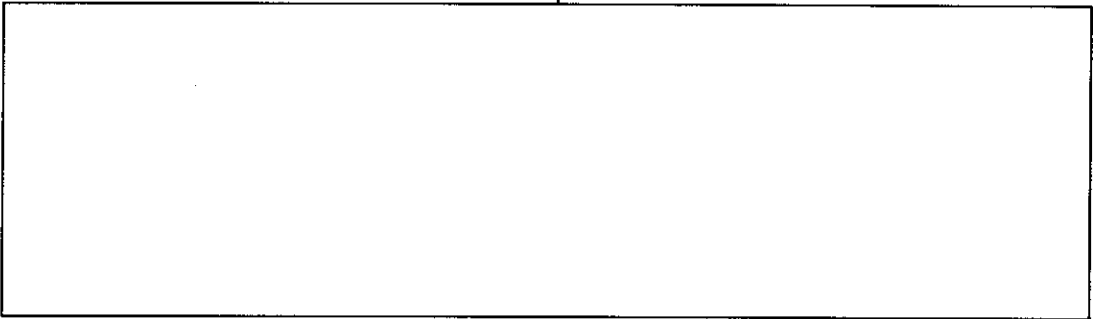
5. MOOSE CONTINUED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO CANCEL UP TO 50 PERCENT DEBT FOR THE POOREST STATES IN THE CFA ZONE BUT THE (FORMER) INTERMEDIATE REVENUE COUNTRIES (CONGO, CAMEROON, COTE D'IVOIRE), WE ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RELIEF. THAT SAID, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH STEPS BEING TAKEN BY OTHERS. MOOSE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT USAID IS LOOKING AT WAYS TO REPROGRAM SOME FUNDS TO HELP THE CFA ZONE STATES QUICKLY BUT WITHIN EXISTING

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RESOURCES.

6. ALL THE GOF OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE RESPONSE HAD BEEN MORE MUTED THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, PERHAPS IN PART DUE TO CONFUSION AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION AND TO IMPOSITION OF PRICE CONTROLS.



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BURUNDI

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7. MOOSE NOTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM SALIM, WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO

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BURUNDI ON JANUARY 24 FOR TO ASSURE HIMSELF THAT THERE  
IS NO OPPOSITION EITHER IN THE GOVERNMENT, THE TUTSI  
COMMUNITY OR THE MILITARY TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF OAU  
PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT. [REDACTED] NOTED THE

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DISTURBING SITUATION IN NORTH KIVU, AS A RESULT OF THE  
DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT, THE INFLUX OF  
REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI AND RWANDA ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE  
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF ARMS IN THE REGION. HE ALSO  
STATED THAT THE (JUNIOR) MINISTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS MICHAUX-CHEVREY WILL BE MAKING A  
VISIT SHORTLY TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI, WITH A FOCUS ON  
HER HUMANITARIAN PORTFOLIO.

CAMEROON

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CONGO

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9. MOOSE BRIEFED [REDACTED] ON THE  
FIGHTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF ON THE  
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AMBASSADOR RAMSAY' S RESIDENCE WHICH FORCED HIM TO SEEK  
SHELTER ELSEWHERE AND THE DECISION TO DRAW DOWN  
NON-ESSENTIAL USG PERSONNEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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DJIBOUTI

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11. MOOSE PROVIDED [REDACTED] A READOUT ON HIS  
RECENT VISIT TO DJIBOUTI AND PRAISED THE WORK OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGING FOR  
THE RELEASE OF AFAR PRISONERS HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT.  
HOWEVER, MOOSE CONTINUED, [REDACTED] GIVES THE IMPRESSION  
OF NOT BEING OVERLY INTERESTED IN ADVANCING THE  
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DIALOGUE BECAUSE OF HIS MILITARY STRENGTH AT THIS

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TIME. [ ] AGREED WITH MOOSE'S ASSESSMENT AND NOTED  
THAT [ ] WILL BE TRAVELING SHORTLY TO GENEVA FOR  
MEDICAL CARE AND THEN WILL COME TO FRANCE. [ ]  
BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE UPCOMING GOF MISSION TO DJIBOUTI  
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ETHIOPIA

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12. MOOSE NOTED THAT THE ARREST OF OPPOSITION  
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POLITICAL LEADERS DURING THE DECEMBER RECONCILIATION  
CONFERENCE IS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ISSUE. GIVEN  
THE CONTRADICTORY ASSERTIONS OF THE TGE AND THE  
OPPOSITION PARTIES, IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TELL  
WHERE THE TRUTH LIES. MOOSE NOTED THAT WE HAD PRESSED  
THE TGE TO THINK MORE CAREFULLY ABOUT TAKING ACTIONS  
THAT TARNISH ETHIOPIA'S GOOD REPUTATION ABROAD AND  
URGED THAT THIS PRISONERS BE RELEASED. DURING HIS  
RECENT STOP, MOOSE WAS INFORMED HIM THAT ALL BUT ONE OF  
THE REMAINING FIVE IMPRISONED OPPOSITION FIGURES WILL  
BE OUT SHORTLY. THE NEXT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WILL BE  
THE JUNE CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTIONS AND WE HAVE AGREED TO  
PROVIDE SOME AID, MOOSE STATED. WE HAVE STRESSED TO  
THE TGE THE NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO BE ABLE TO  
PARTICIPATE -- WHETHER THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO IS UP TO  
THEM.

RWANDA  
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13. [REDACTED] 1.4(D)  
[REDACTED] NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
ARUSHA ACCORDS HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY POLITICAL  
SQUABBLING BETWEEN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, THE PRIME  
MINISTER AND THE RPF. HE EXPRESSED A STRONG CONCERN  
THAT CONTINUED STALEMATE COULD EFFECT ETHNIC TENSIONS  
IN RWANDA. AFTER NOTING THAT ON TOP OF THE DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN RWANDAN POLITICAL PARTIES, SOME OF THEM ARE  
ALSO SHOWING STRONG INTERNAL DIVISIONS, THUS FURTHER  
COMPLICATING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA SEEMS  
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TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE LIBERAL PARTY  
WILL REOPEN QUESTIONS ABOUT PAST GOVERNMENT HUMAN  
RIGHTS ABUSES, ESPECIALLY IF IT RECEIVES THE POST OF  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. HE

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ADDED THAT HABYARIMANA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED BY THE SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING BURUNDI.

14. AFTER NOTING THE NUMBER OF DEMARCHES ALREADY MADE WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS IN KIGALI, [ ] SUGGESTED THAT THE TRILATERAL STATES CONSIDER A NEW APPROACH TO THE GOR, THE PARTIES AND THE RPF URGING THAT THEY ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN KIGALI (IN HIS ROLE AS MEDIATOR FOR THE ARUSHA ACCORDS) SHOULD CALL A MEETING OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES. [ ] [ ] AGREED BUT NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT UNDERCUTTING THE ROLE OF THE SGSR BOOH-BOOH. 1.4(D)

TOGO

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15. [ ] HAS REITERATED TO GHANA PRESIDENT RAWLINGS THE NEED TO KEEP TIGHT CONTROL OVER HIS BORDER WITH TOGO TO AVOID ANOTHER INCIDENT. MOOSE NOTED THAT WE HAD SENT A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO ACCRA, FOR WHICH [ ] EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION. [ ] OPINED THAT SHOULD ANOTHER SUCH INCIDENT OCCUR, THE RESPONSE BY EYADEMA IS LIKELY TO BE FAR SHARPER THAN DURING THE FIRST INCIDENT. TURNING TO THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, [ ] STATED THAT HIS 1.4(D)

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16. MOOSE INQUIRED IF [ ] WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE OPPOSITION WOULD INDEED PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS AND NOTED OPPOSITION CONCERNS OVER THE STILL UNRESOLVED 1.4(D)

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ISSUE OF RESOLVING ELECTION DISPUTES. [REDACTED]  
RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF OPPOSITION VIEWS ON THE  
ELECTORAL ROLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT BUT NOTED  
THAT THE OPPOSITION HAS HAD AMPLE TIME TO RAISE THIS

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MATTER EARLIER "AND IS ALWAYS SEEKING AN EXCUSE FOR  
ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT." AFTER RECALLING THE DELAYS AND  
CONFUSION IN TOGO'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, [REDACTED]  
REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF CALLING INTO QUESTION THE  
ROLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT THIS CLOSE TO VOTING  
DAY. MOOSE NOTED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL

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WOULD NOT UNDERMINE THE EXISTING COURT.

17. [ ] OPINED THAT THE "IDEAL OUTCOME" OF THE  
UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WILL BE FOR THE  
OPPOSITION TO WIN ENOUGH SEATS TO FORCE EYADEMA TO TAKE  
ITS VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. THE KEY IS TO DEVELOP A  
CONSENSUS ON THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO RELAUNCH THE  
TOGOLESE ECONOMY, WHICH IS "DEAD IN THE WATER." MOOSE  
ASKED IF [ ] WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT TOGO WOULD BE ABLE  
TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IFIS GIVEN ITS POLITICAL  
INSTABILITY. [ ] SHRUGGED AND NOTED THAT THE  
COUNTRY NEEDS A PERIOD OF CALM TO ABSORB THE CFA  
DEVALUATION AND TO GET BACK ON ITS FEET. [ ]

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18. A/S MOOSE CLEARED THIS MESSAGE AFTER DEPARTING  
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HARRIMAN

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